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1. This Fax Transmittal (1 page); and
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Madam:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 9, 2003 (the "Advisory Action") and in accordance with a discussion held with the Examiner on January 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application.



Initially, Applicants express their thanks to Examiner Marx for discussing this application and appreciate the helpful suggestions provided by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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